



Neighborhood Association Monthly Report

April 2021

City of South Bend



CITY OF SOUTH BEND
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team

Neighborhood Overview

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead



9 Neighborhoods held meetings in April!

	NEEDS	ACTIVITIES
Rum Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Needs some guidance on the scope of the Neighborhood Consortium	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Planners came and talked about the Neighborhood plansHad a talk about the Neighborhood Consortium
Near Westside	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Volunteers needed for cleanup on May 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Anne Mannix- President, Rachel Berryman-VPEl Campito had a big cleanup eventPolice representatives came to the last meeting and talked with the neighborhood organization
SOAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Help needed for canvassing neighborhood to promote SOAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rescheduled neighborhood cleanup to May 8th
Miami Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Help needed for canvassing neighborhood to promote Miami Village	
Monroe Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Eager to be selected by the City for a 2022 neighborhood plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held Mulch Madness & neighborhood cleanupRaised \$350 from Barnaby's Buyback Night<ul style="list-style-type: none">Plan to repeat every 2 monthsRepresented at 1st NC meeting on the 7th
NNN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nominees for the 2021 Spirit of the NNN Award - email nnndirector@nearnorthwest.org for nomination form	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Held 2 Conversation Circles on raceHeld spring outreach & lead testing eventAdopt a Block, DIY neighborhood cleanup the last week of April
Lincoln Bendix Neighborhood Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Need some assistance with neighborhood canvassingWould like to understand the planners' plan for Kennedy Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Set up a neighborhood cleanup for May 15thPlanning on hosting a showing on a documentary on red-lining
Far NorthWest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support with a litter-free campaignA friendly competition between neighborhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First general membership meeting since the pandemic set for May 3rdNeighborhood cleanups May 22 & July 31
Northeast Neighborhood Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To finish working with NNRO for Neighborhood Wellness surveyIn person meetings might start this month	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Planners came and gave presentations\$3000 of donations for food bankWorking with CultivateConfirmed Neighborhood Consortium reps
River Park Neighborhood Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Need to change neighborhood cleanup date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hosted 2 fundraisers; with Portillo's and AmazonHosting a t-shirt contest soon

More Resources

For You and Your Neighborhood

Neighborhoods Consortium

The Neighborhoods Consortium had its first meeting on April 7th. The groundwork for the Neighborhoods Consortium was laid by the more than 20 people attending. A small number of members volunteered to look over the Consortium's guidelines to help give direction for the future. The next meeting will be held on July 7th.



Contact eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

Digital Neighborhood

Digital Communication Grants



Because of COVID-19 social distancing policies, neighborhood associations are finding it difficult to engage with residents. To help them connect, the City of South Bend's Love Your Block program is offering a **free annual subscription to an online video conferencing service** for 12 months. N.A.s can receive **free technical assistance** from COSB to set up this software. N.A.s can also apply to receive a **free phone/tablet stand** to record and live stream in-person meetings once social distancing rules expire.

To apply, visit

<https://loveyourblocksb.wixsite.com/lybsb/digital-neighborhood-grants>

Contact The Chief of Police

The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to neighborhood association meetings (or attend virtually), per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact:

Chief of Police, Scott Ruskowski, at
sruszkow@southbendin.gov

OR

Patrol Division Chief, Eric Crittendon,
at ecritten@southbendin.gov

Citywide Classroom



Students enrolled in the SBCSC, live in the SBCSC district, and are on free or reduced lunch may be eligible for one year of free internet. To apply, all you need to do is call the school the child is enrolled in, do the application over the phone, and then receive the free internet.

To learn more visit: CitywideClassroomSB.org, contact them at 574-703-1881 (call or text), or email info@citywideclassroomsb.org

Indiana Rental/ Utility Assistance

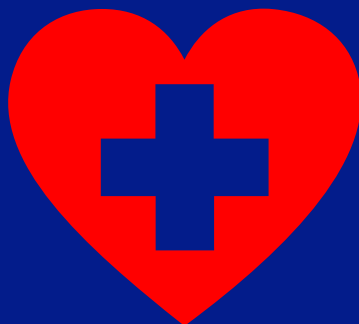


The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has closed its application portal. All applications are under review. If you still need assistance, the City has information about rent and utility assistance at <https://southbendin.gov/covid-19-resources-support/covid-19-utility-support>. At that site are all the local assistance programs and contact information. If there are any questions, please email eee@southbendin.gov for more information.

What's Happening in South Bend?

Where and How to get the COVID-19 Vaccine

The COVID-19 Vaccine is currently available to all Hoosiers over the age of 16. Please get vaccinated! Vaccination not only protects you from severe COVID-19 but also protects the vulnerable around you.



If you are eligible to receive the vaccine, you can find the link below.

<https://vaccine.coronavirus.in.gov/>

Lead Protection Program Grants

The City has grants for helping make homes with young children safe from lead paint at **no cost** to the homeowner.

Despite COVID-19, **the City is still accepting applications for the grant program**, although repairs won't begin until it is deemed safe to do so. Applicants will have their household's income verified, and won't be enrolled in the program until both the application and any required supporting documentation are submitted.

Interested in applying or hosting a presentation about the program at your neighborhood association meeting?

Contact Elizabeth Maradik at leadgrants@southbendin.gov or (574) 235-5826.

Spring Neighborhood Clean-ups with Code Enforcement

The City of South Bend Code Enforcement has begun to support spring neighborhood cleanups. All neighborhoods are welcome to contact code to schedule a clean-up. These clean-ups are a partnership between the neighborhood and Code Enforcement to remove trash and other materials that can normally be considered a blight on the neighborhood.

Steps to hosting a successful neighborhood cleanup:

1. Talk with your neighborhood association and pick a date. Maybe pick out 2 days just in case.
2. Talk with Code Enforcement to ensure that they can support you.
3. Talk to other civic, religious, and business groups in the neighborhood. They may assist with some form of support.
4. Reserve the Tend the Bend Trailer. Some weekends are popular so flexibility may be needed.
5. Talk with your E3 team contact to see if there are other things that the city can do to help support your clean-up.

Questions?

To contact a specific Neighborhood Association, or for more information about this report, please email the Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team at eee@southbendin.gov.